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PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant: Ruschke et al.
Serial No.: 09/853,802
Filing Date: May 11, 2001
Title: MOTORIZED PROPULSION
SYSTEM FOR A BED
Group: 3611 Examiner: Luby,
Matthew D.
Atty. Docket: 8266-0592

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TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	33	33	0	\$18	\$0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	5	5	0	\$84	\$0
If applicant has small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2, and enter amount here.			SMALL ENTITY TOTAL	NO	\$0
TOTAL FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS					\$0

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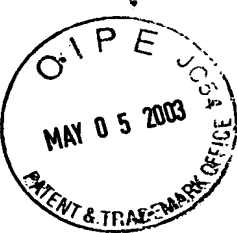
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TOTAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT

A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the total fee for this amendment is attached. \$0

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 which may be required during the prosecution of this application, or credit of any overpayment, to Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 12, 2003, please consider the following amendments and accompanying remarks. Filed herewith in the attached Appendix is a MARKED UP COPY OF THE AMENDMENTS UNDER §1.121 including brackets for deletions and underlining for additions.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 21 to read as follows:

21. (Amended) A propulsion system configured to move a patient support having a bedframe and mattress supported by the bedframe, the propulsion system comprising
a propulsion device adapted to contact the floor to power movement of the patient support,
a coupler configured to move between a coupled position coupling the